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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - MA&UD Department – Certain irregularities committed in execution of departmental works and substandard quality of works in Salur Municipality, Vizianagaram District by the then Municipal Commissioners and Engineering Officials of Salur Municipality – Departmental Proceedings initiated against Sri R.Somannarayana, the then Municipal Commissioner and five (5) other officials of Salur Municipality, Vizianagaram District under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Articles of Charges issued – Enquiry conducted – Further action dropped - Orders - Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.541 **Dated.28.07.2022.**

Read the following:

1. From the Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department, Vigilance Report No.87 (1531/V&E/E1/06), dated.27.06.2008.
2. G.O.Rt.No.867, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.11.09.2018.
3. G.O.Ms.Nos.309 & 310, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dt.11.09.2018.
4. G.O.Rt.Nos.868 to 873, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.11.09.2018.
5. Written Statement of Defences of Sri R.Sommanarayana, the then M.C., Sri V.Satyanarayana, the then MAE., Sri G.Vijay Kumar, the then MAE., Sri J.Pennaiah, the then MAE., and Sri K.Prasad Rao, the then Dy.E.E., Salur Municipality.
6. G.O.Rt.No.39, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.21.01.2019.
7. G.O.Rt.No.40, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.21.01.2019.
8. Enquiry Report along with enclosures from Sri B.H.Srinivasa Rao, Superintending Engineer & Enquiry Officer, Visakhapatnam, Letter, dated.09.03.2020 received through the ENC (PH), A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.1200/Salur/CS2/2008, dated.18.06.2020.
9. Govt.Memo.No.13120/Vig.I/2008, dated.11.12.2020.
10. From the ENC (PH), A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.1200/Salur/Cs2/2008, dated.22 & 29.09.2021.
11. Govt.Memo.No.13120/Vig.I/2008, dated.22.03.2022.
12. Written Representations, dated.25.04.2022 from Sri R.Somannarayana, the then M.C., Sri P.Purushottam, the then M.C. (retired), Sri K.Prasada Rao, the then Dy.E.E., Sri G.Vijay Kumar, the then A.E., Sri J.Pennaya, the then A.E. (retired) and Sri V.Satyanarayana, the then A.E. (retired), Salur Municipality.

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O R D E R:

Whereas, it has been brought to the notice of the Government by the Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department that, certain allegations were leveled against Sri R.Somannarayana, the then Municipal Commissioner and five (5) other officials of Salur Municipality, Vizianagaram District regarding irregularities committed in execution of departmental works and substandard quality of works in Salur Municipality, Vizianagaram District by the then Municipal Commissioners and Engineering Officials of Salur Municipality. In the reference 1st read above, the Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department recommended to initiate disciplinary action against Sri R.Somannarayana, the then Municipal Commissioner and five (5) other officials of Salur Municipality.

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2. Whereas, in the reference 2nd read above, Government initiated common disciplinary proceedings against Sri R.Somannarayana, the then Municipal Commissioner and five (5) other officials of Salur Municipality under Rule-24 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991. Further, in the reference 3rd & 4th read above, Government framed articles of charges against Sri R.Somannarayana, the then Municipal Commissioner and five (5) other officials of Salur Municipality under Rule-9 of APRP Rules, 1980 read with Rule-20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 and directed them to submit their written statement of defences thereon.

3. Having not convinced with the written statement of defences submitted by the charged officers in the reference 5th read above, Government appointed Sri B.H.Srinivasa Rao, Superintending Engineer, Visakhapatnam, as an Enquiry Officer to enquire into the charges framed against Sri R.Somannarayana, the then Municipal Commissioner and five (5) other officials of Salur Municipality and to submit report vide reference 6th read above. In the reference 7th read above, the Municipal Commissioner, Salur Municipality was appointed as Presenting Officer, to present the case before the Inquiry Authority on behalf of the disciplinary authority.

4. In the reference 8th read above, the Enquiry Officer Sri B.H.Srinivasa Rao, Superintending Engineer, Visakhapatnam has submitted Enquiry Report and stated that, one of the C.O.s Sri P.Purushotham, the then M.C., Saluru Municipality has not attended the enquiry due to non receipt of article of charges. Further, the charges framed against the remaining five (5) charged officers are held not proved / proved in the enquiry and therefore requested to take necessary action.

5. Whereas, Government after careful examination of the Enquiry Report, obtained specific remarks on the Enquiry Officer's report by entrusting the task to one of the Chief Engineer on technical issues and the Chief Engineer in his report among others has stated that, there is no financial irregularity and misappropriation observed in any of the work and the procedure followed by the Commissioner and Engineers of ULB are in line with the existing rules and procedures. He has finally stated that the findings of the enquiry officer in the enquiry report holds good for all the charges framed against the enquiry officers. The ENC (PH) while forwarding the said report, requested the Government to drop the charges framed against (1) Sri R.Sommanarayana, the then M.C., (2) Sri P.Purushottam, the then M.C., (3) Sri V.Satyanarayana, the then M.A.E., (4) Sri G.Vijay Kumar, the then M.A.E., (5) Sri J.Pennaiah, the then M.A.E., and (6) Sri K.Prasad Rao, the then Dy.E.E., Salur Municipality vide reference 10th read above.

6. In the reference 11th read above, while communicating a copy of Enquiry Report along with specific remarks of Chief Engineer, APTIDCO., Vijayawada under Rule 21 (2) of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991, the charged officers Sri R.Somannarayana, the then Municipal Commissioner and five (5) other officials of Salur Municipality were directed to submit their written representations, if any, on the findings of Enquiry Report and specific remarks of Chief Engineer, APTIDCO., Vijayawada. In reply, all the six (6) charged officers have submitted their written representations, accepted the findings of the Enquiry Officer and the specific remarks of the Chief Engineer, APTIDCO., Vijayawada on Enquiry Report and requested to consider their representations and drop all the charges framed against them vide reference 12th read above.

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7. Government after careful examination of the matter, it has been decided to drop further action against (1) Sri R.Sommanarayana, the then M.C., (2) Sri P.Purushottam, the then M.C., (3) Sri V.Satyanarayana, the then MAE., (4) Sri G.Vijay Kumar, the then M.A.E., (5) Sri J.Pennaiah, the then M.A.E., and (6) Sri K.Prasad Rao, the then Dy.E.E., Salur Municipality, keeping in view of the findings of the enquiry report, specific remarks of Chief Engineer, APTIDCO., Vijayawada on enquiry report, written representations of the charged officers and taking a lenient view.

8. Accordingly, Government hereby order to drop further action against (1) Sri R.Sommanarayana, the then Municipal Commissioner, (2) Sri P.Purushottam, the then Municipal Commissioner, (3) Sri V.Satyanarayana, the then Municipal Assistant Engineer, (4) Sri G.Vijay Kumar, the then Municipal Assistant Engineer, (5) Sri J.Pennaiah, the then Municipal Assistant Engineer and (6) Sri K.Prasad Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Salur Municipality.

9. The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration / Engineer-In-Chief (PH), A.P., Guntur shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

10. The receipt of G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Y.SRILAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri R.Somannarayana, the then Municipal Commissioner,
Salur Municipality – **through** the C&DMA., A.P., Guntur.
Sri P.Purushottam, the then Municipal Commissioner (retired),
Salur Municipality – **through** the C&DMA., A.P., Guntur.
Sri V.Satyanarayana, the then Assistant Engineer, Salur Municipality
– **through** the ENC (PH), A.P., Guntur.
Sri G.Vijaya Kumar, the then Assistant Engineer, Salur Municipality
– **through** the ENC (PH), A.P., Guntur.
Sri J.Pennayya, the then Assistant Engineer (retired), Salur Municipality
– **through** the ENC (PH), A.P., Guntur.
Sri K.Prasada Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer (retired),
Salur Municipality – **through** the ENC (PH), A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Guntur
The Engineer-in-Chief, Public Health, A.P., Guntur.

Copy to:

The Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The Municipal Commissioner, Salur Municipality, Vizianagaram District.
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SECTION OFFICER.